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**MEMORANDUM FOR** Secretaries of the Military Departments  
Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff  
Director of Defense Research and Engineering  
Assistant Secretaries of Defense  
General Counsel  
Assistants to the Secretary of Defense  
Directors of the Defense Agencies

**SUBJECT:** DoD Organizational Changes - Mapping, Charting,  
and Geodesy

**References:** (a) Presidential Memorandum of November 5, 1971;  
Subject: Organization and Management of the  
U. S. Foreign Intelligence Community  
(b) SecDef Memorandum of November 10, 1971;  
Subject: DoD Organizational Changes

In reference (a) President Nixon directed consolidation of DoD mapping, charting, and geodetic (MC&G) operations under a single Defense Mapping Agency (DMA) to obtain optimum efficiency and economy without impairing legitimate requirements of the separate Services. In reference (b) I directed the ASD(Comptroller) to develop a plan which would accomplish this reorganization.

I have reviewed his proposed plan and considered the views of Defense components affected by this consolidation. Accordingly, I have determined:

1. Defense Mapping Agency will be established as a separate agency reporting through the Joint Chiefs of Staff to the Secretary of Defense.
2. The ASD(Comptroller) will have primary responsibility for staff review and financial management of MC&G programs at Office, Secretary of Defense level.

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3. DOD MC&G functions and resources will be consolidated as follows:

- a. Defense Intelligence Agency (MC&G) -- consolidate under DMA.
- b. Military Departments' Headquarters Staffs -- consolidate under DMA. However, retention of some expertise in these areas is appropriate. Specific resources to be transferred will be established by the Director, DMA in conjunction with the individual Military Departments.
- c. Army Topographic Command -- consolidate under DMA.
- d. Aeronautical Chart and Information Center -- consolidate under DMA.
- e. Office of the Navy Oceanographer (MC&G activities) -- consolidate resources devoted exclusively to MC&G under DMA. The Director, DMA and the Navy Oceanographer will negotiate transfer of resources which support both MC&G and oceanographic functions and develop cross-servicing arrangements to insure effective continuation of each program.
- f. 1st Geodetic Survey Squadron of ACGS and the MC&G element of the 15th Reconnaissance Technical Squadron -- consolidate under DMA.
- g. RDT&E -- retain in the Services.
- h. Data Collection (including technical equipment operation and maintenance) -- retain in the Services. DMA and the Services will monitor this arrangement with a view to selective revision as required.
- i. Navy Satellite Geophysics Project -- consolidate under DMA.
- j. Army Topographic Battalions, MC&G elements of Air Force Reconnaissance Technical Units, and Marine Topographic Platoons -- retain in the Services.

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k. Inter-American Geodetic Survey -- consolidate under DMA.

l. Department of Topography, Army Engineer School -- consolidate under DMA.

m. Special Security Offices supporting MC&G activities -- consolidate under DMA.

n. Long-term full time training resources for civilian personnel -- consolidate under DMA.

4. The Navy Oceanographer's statutory responsibilities under USC Title 10, Chapter 639, Sections 7391, 7392, 7393, 7394 will be transferred to DMA.

5. The Director, DMA will serve as program manager and coordinator of all DoD MC&G resources and activities.

6. The Director, DMA will be military at the O-9 level. The Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff is requested to submit to me his nominees for the position.

7. DMA civilian personnel will be hired under the career service except when specific positions warrant excepted treatment on a selective basis.

8. Each Military Department and DIA (MC&G) will provide to the Director, DMA ten people on a temporary basis to assist him in developing his organizational structure, internal operating procedures, cross-servicing agreements, and substantive program changes during the transition.

The ASD(Comptroller) will assist the Director, DMA and monitor progress with respect to implementation of these decisions. During this transition MC&G activities should continue without interruption -- implementation should be accomplished by July 1, 1972.

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Attached are supplementary guidelines regarding relationships between the DMA and other DoD components. These guidelines will be followed as internal operating procedures and cross-service working agreements are developed.

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